

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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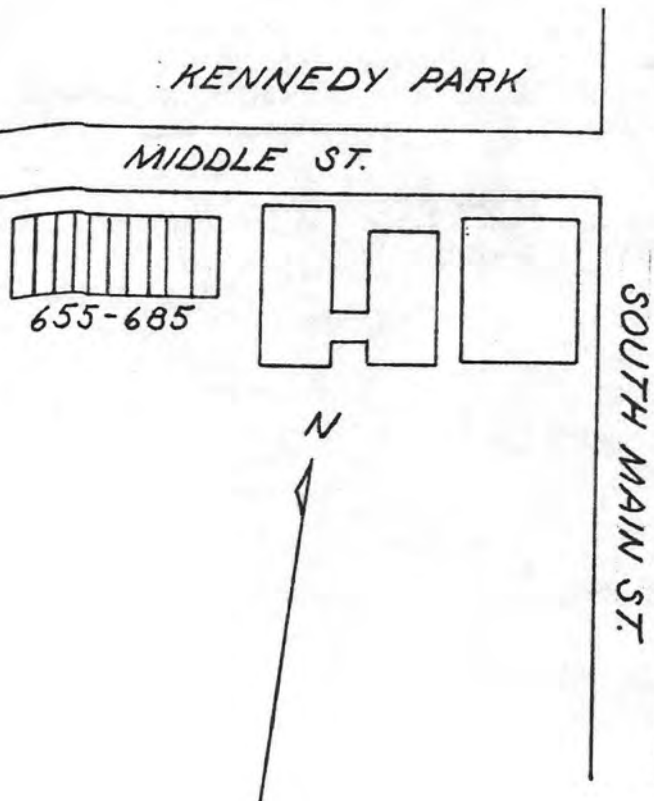
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number VLNR-2-37

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town Fall River, Mass

Address 655-685 Middle Street

Name A. B. Chace Rowhouses

Present use apartments

Present owner Maurice & Viola Desmarais

3. Description: 2 story w/mansard row-houses

Date C.1877

Source water, atlas

Style Queen Anne Rowhouses

Architect

Exterior wall fabric red brick, shingle

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features mansard w/bracketed dormers,

central dormer has cone top, 2 story

columned porches

Altered Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size: 17,133 sq. ft.

One acre or less X Over one acre

Approximate frontage 150'

Approximate distance of building from street

10'

6. Recorded by Bruce F. Bombardier

Organization FROHP

Date 4/23/81

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Arnold B. Chace

Original use apartments

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>X</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>X</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This Queen Anne row is the only one of its kind in Fall River and represents a lively and imaginative variation on the city's most common building type, the multi-family tenement. The stylistic term Queen Anne is used chiefly because of the peaked center dormers and general idiosyncratic quality; however, the porch design is clearly influenced by the Shingle Style/Colonial Revival houses also popular beginning in the 1880's. Three different types of porch supports--paired Doric columns, paired square pilasters and single wide shingled posts--are used in the five units in an ABCBA rhythm. The porches and all other original detailing has survived virtually intact.

The rowhouses were among the first residences to be constructed along the perimeter of Kennedy Park and are greatly enhanced by their setting. The original owner, Arnold B. Chace, is not listed in the city directories but was the son of Elizabeth Buffum Chace, a leading Rhode Island mill, abolitionist and reformer and Samuel Chace, owner of the Valley Falls Mill.

Because of their intact quality, workmanship, and unusual style and building type, the Chace Rowhouses meet criteria C of the National Register individually.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Atlas 1895: not shown (oversight?)

1893: shown

1883: shown

Birdseye 1877: Not shown

1871: Not shown

Bldg. Dept.: No Information

Water Dept.: #1816 10/29/1877. Arnold B. Chace 671-677 Middle

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Fall River Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Chace Mills

Substantive Review

Keeper

2/16/83 *Bruce M. Byers*

Attest

22. Chace, A. B., Rowhouses

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

2/16/83 *Delores Byers*

Attest

23. Chace's, Oliver, Thread Mill

Entered in the
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24. Charlton Mill

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25. Chase-Hyde Farm

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26. Children's Home

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27. Church of the Ascension

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28. Collins, William, House

Entered in the
National Register

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29. Connell, William M., School

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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30. Cornell Mills

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National Register

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Chace, A. B., Rowhouses (Fall River MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 115/83-15
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 2/3/83 - 2/19/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 2/16/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Entered in the _____
National Register _____
Federal Agency: _____

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Entered in the
National Register

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ altered

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Fall River MRA, Ma

VLNR-2-37

A.B. Chace Rowhouses
655-685 Middle St.

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000279